(d) whether there is any other proposal for laying second southern pipeline on the basis of HBJ which passes through Marathvada-Vidarbha Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Approximately 14.2 MMSCMD of gas is currently produced in the Bombay High field.

(b) Currently about 14 MMSCMD of gas is being transported through the HBJ Pipeline.

(c) No decision has been taken to set up a second gas terminal at Usar.

(d) and (e) The matter regarding laying a pipeline from Western Offshore to the Southern States has been examined by an Inter-Ministerial Group whose report is under examination.

Production of Natural Gas

686. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SURENDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of natural gas in the country;

(b) what is the share of Bombay High in natural gas production;

(c) what is the quantity of gas flared up every day in Bombay High; and

(d) what is the gas requirement of Maharashtra and how much quantity is allotted?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Approximately 51 MMSCMD of gas during 1991-92.

(b) Approximately 14.2 MMSCMD currently.

(c) Presently about 1.2 MMSCMD of gas is being flared in Bombay High.

(d) Over 18 millon cu. mts. of gas per day has been allocated to various gas based industries in Maharashtra.

Oil in West Bengal

687. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has found gas and oil in place near Nadia in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the detals thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) While drilling the exploratory Ichapur well in Nadia district, West Bengal, gas show was observed at a depth of 4246 metres.

HBJ gas pipeline

688. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the distribution of gas from HBJ pipeline;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to non-consumption of committed gas, the same is being flared up; and

(c) if so, the reasons for which the unused gas is not being diverted to Uttaran gas-based power house?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Currently about 14 MMSCMD of gas is being